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News and Events

Dean Deborah Bordelon Named GSU's New Provost

Dr. Deborah Bordelon has been named GSU's next Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

President Elaine P. Maimon announced Dr. Bordelon's appointment Monday in an e-mail to the GSU community. Dr. Maimon said GSU initiated an extensive national search for provost, resulting in 76 applications and invitations to three top-notch finalists to visit the campus.

"At this pivotal moment in GSU's history, Dr. Bordelon is fully prepared in background and character to do an outstanding job as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs," Dr. Maimon said. "As GSU moves toward the admission of freshmen and the opening of our first residence facility, Deborah Bordelon is the right academic leader for Renaissance 2014."



"I am truly honored to be selected for this position," Dr. Bordelon said. "This is an exciting time on our campus as we transform to a full-service university, with first-year students and on-campus housing. I look forward to collaborating with the faculty, staff, administration and community members to bring this renaissance to life. I would especially like to express my appreciation to Dr. Terry Allison, our current provost, for his leadership in laying the groundwork for the development and expansion of programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels."

Dr. Bordelon

Dr. Bordelon has been Dean of GSU's College of Education since 2008. She has been Dean of Graduate Studies since 2011. Under her leadership, Dr. Maimon said, COE has received unprecedented praise from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Dr. Bordelon provided vital leadership to the doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision, which is awarding its first degrees this week. Under her tenure, the Family Development Center has thrived, and was recently awarded the highest possible accreditation.

Dr. Bordelon received all her degrees -- bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. -- from the University of New Orleans. "In addition to her scholarly work in special education, she has particular interest in high impact educational practices, critical and creative thinking, and literacy education," Dr. Maimon said.

Dr. Maimon thanked CHHS Dean Beth Cada and the entire 17-member search committee for working efficiently and effectively to screen the provost candidates. She plans to appoint a committee to undertake a national search for a new COE Dean, and will make an interim appointment to oversee the college.

Dr. Terry Allison was recently appointed Chancellor of Indiana University – South Bend.

Graduates Reach Commencement Goal Line

GSU will award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees to approximately 1,500 graduates at Saturday's Commencement. GSU will host two ceremonies, at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

GSU will award an honorary doctorate to award-winning journalist Maria Hinojosa. Hinojosa, who was born in Mexico, grew up in Chicago, and now lives in New York City, will speak at the 10 a.m. ceremony.

Two graduating GSU students have been chosen to give Commencement addresses. Michael Griffin, of Carpentersville, will speak at the morning ceremony. Shaniqua Jones, of Harvey, will speak in the afternoon.

Admission to Commencement is by ticket only. For further information, visit the [Commencement website](#).

The Doctoral Hooding Ceremony takes place tonight in the Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are required for the ceremony. Doctoral students to be hooded are receiving their degrees in Counselor Education and Supervision, Nursing Practice, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Transitional Physical Therapy.

Phillip Moeller is Next Dynamic Leadership Speaker



This month's Dynamic Leadership Lecture Series continues when Phillip Moeller presents *Creating a Shared Vision*, on Wednesday, June 12, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Moeller served as president of Holland LP, headquartered in Crete, from 1987 to 2012.

Phillip Moeller

Ronald E. Daly will present *The Leadership of Change*, on Monday, June 17, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Daly is currently a board member of the AARP, the AARP Foundation, Metropolis Strategies, Loyola University of Chicago, and U. S. Cellular. He worked for R. R. Donnelley for 38 years, rising from the factory floor to the presidency of Donnelley's largest business unit.

The series, free and open to the public, features speakers who will discuss aspects of management and governance related to their own lives as successful leaders. The lectures are sponsored by the College of Business and Public Administration. Advance registration is not required. Everyone is welcome.

Generation on a Tightrope Author - June 12

Dr. Diane R. Dean will share her research on the contemporary college student – and how her findings might influence our preparation for FC14 – on Wednesday, June 12, at in E-Lounge. Dr. Dean is Associate Professor of Higher Education and Administration in the College of Education at Illinois State University.



Dr. Dean

Dr. Dean, the co-author of *Generation on a Tightrope: A Portrait of Today's College Students*, will make her presentation at 9:30 a.m., to be followed by a Q and A at 10:30 a.m., and a discussion on the implications regarding instruction and program development from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

As *Generation on a Tightrope* clearly reveals, today's students need a very different education than the undergraduates who came before them: an education for the 21st Century, which colleges and universities are so far ill-equipped to offer and which will require major changes of them to provide.. The book offers educators, researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and employers guidance and a much-needed grasp of the forces shaping the

experiences of current undergraduates.

Persons planning to attend Dr. Dean's presentation should RSVP to [Lisa Carra](#) at 708.235.7595.

The presentation is sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and Support Services.

Grill and Chill Offers Summer Lunch Specials



Take a break by the lake when the GSU Café offers Grill and Chill lunches on Thursdays between June 20 and August 1. Grill and Chill lunches will be sold between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the patio outside the Hall of Governors.

Grill and Chill Thursdays will be a perfect opportunity to have warm weather, picnic-style lunches with friends while listening to sweet summer tunes.

Combo Meals, for \$5.50, include a grilled sandwich, side, and drink. A la carte

options are also available with sandwiches for \$3.50, chips or one side for \$1.50, and beverage for \$1.

Every week, Grill and Chill features hamburgers and cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers; chips; and canned soda or water.

Weekly specials will include:

- June 20 - Italian sausage with peppers and onions, macaroni salad
- June 27 - Bratwurst with sauerkraut, German potato salad
- July 11 - Marinated chicken breast sandwich, pasta salad
- July 18 - Boneless pork chop sandwich, cole slaw
- July 25 - Turkey burger, fruit salad
- August 1 - Maxwell Street Polish sausage

Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certificate Course Offered This Summer

Business professionals can learn methods of project planning and statistical tools during the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certificate Course offered at GSU this summer. The course will take place on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon, between July 6 and August 17.

Students will learn how to integrate theories of business, statistics, and the elimination of waste to achieve tangible results. Instruction will take place in class and online, and will include projects, discussions, and hands-on applications. Participants will be awarded a Six Sigma Green Belt certificate after passing the final exam.

This course is ideal for executives, managers, frontline supervisors, business owners, engineers, and practitioners of continuous improvement. Prerequisites are a bachelor's degree and a basic understanding of mathematics.

The cost of the course is \$1,500 plus the cost of textbooks and software. For more information, contact continuinged@govst.edu or 708.534.4099.

Deadline Nears for Mindfulness and Psychotherapy Certificate Program

GSU's College of Education and College of Health and Human Services have joined forces to present an exciting new program, the Mindfulness and Psychotherapy Certificate Program.

The first of its kind in the Midwest, the two-year, 18-credit-hour program is being offered in response to the increasingly important role that mindfulness can play in psychotherapeutic practice. More and more research studies indicate that mindfulness and meditation-based practices help clients achieve emotional regulation, modulate anxiety and depression, lower blood pressure, enhance the immune system, and increase concentration and attention span.

Students eligible to enroll in this program include:

- Post-master's level practitioners with a degree in mental health or allied health professions who have access to clinical populations and;
- Current master's-level GSU students enrolled in clinically-oriented programs who are in their final year of advanced clinical practicum.

Deadline for enrollment in the Fall, 2013 semester is July 7. For more information about GSU's Mindfulness and Psychotherapy Certificate program, contact [Dr. Maristela Zell](#).

MPA Information Session Slated June 17

The College of Business and Public Administration is hosting a Master in Public Administration program information session on Monday, June 17, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Illinois State Police Headquarters – District 5, 16648 Broadway Street, Lockport. The session is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

An MPA from GSU prepares graduates for leadership positions in public and non-profit sectors. It enhances credentials and develops the skills and knowledge demanded in public sector management positions. The GSU program holds national accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

RSVPs are requested by June 10. Please contact [Ruby Williams](#) at 708.534.4391.

